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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT TO 6/28 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

BUENOS AIRES PRESS REPORTED THAT A CIRCUIT JUDGE HAS ORDERED THE RELEASE OF A CHILEAN CITIZEN HELD IN JAIL FOR SIX MONTHS WITHOUT CHARGES, AND AT THE SAME TIME RAPPED THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND FOR "DELAYING REPLIES TO HABEAS CORPUS QUERIES". THE JUDGE, EMILIO GARCIA MENDEZ, CHARGED THAT THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND HAD REPEATEDLY FAILED TO REPLY TO INQUIRIES, AND WENT ON TO CHARGE THAT THIS CONSTITUTED A "FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION," THAT "NOBODY CAN BE ARRESTED WITHOUT A WARRANT FROM COMPETENT AUTHORITY," AND THAT IF THESE NORMS ARE VIOLATED CONSITUTIONAL SAFEGUARDS "BECOME AN ILLUSION."

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